'T U G S '

Promo Narration

The tugboat for its size is the moat powerful craft afloat.

And Captain Star and his tugs are the power behind the docks and the waterways that make up the Bigg City Port.

This is 'TUGS'

This is Bigg City Port in the 1920's.

It was an era of rapid change.

The steam engine tugs were in their heyday and were gradually replacing the old sailing scows which were not as powerful nor dependable.

Even so, steam in its turn would shortly have to give way to diesel.

But it was this period - when the steam tug was in its glory - that is regarded with the most affection.

It was a time of great opportunity and none knew it better than the tug companies

Every vessel from the lowliest tramp steamer to the grandest Ocean Liner depended on tugs to bring them safely into harbor.

In fact, the whole working of the port depended on them - and often they were so busy they would work long into the night - usually without complaint.

But competition was very fierce with companies vying with one another to win contracts.

Not everybody played it straight. There were those that would stop at nothing to get ahead of their competitors.

Generally though - they were an honset, hard working group.

'Tugs' is the story of the daily working life of two tugboat companies told through the adventures of Captain Star's proud fleet of seven tugs and their rivals - the wily, devious tugs or Captain Zero who display the darker side of the tugboat industry.

The series covers key aspects of harbor life and that of neighboring rivers during the seasons of one year.

Stories are based on fact - real events that took place in tugboat history.

What you are seeing is a flavour of 'Tugs' - an original series produced as drama entertainment for children.